Newfields Local Board of Health Meeting – August 24, 2021

- Some minor changes to updated RSA 128 in June 2021
  - Changing requirements of residence of H.O., requiring criminal history check and regular training requirements
  - Requires annual meeting of "Local Board of Health", including being prepared to provide the state a "local readiness report"
- Be available to residents for public health related questions/concerns:
  - Working with town Building Inspector on assessing complaints about mold, horses, safety, etc.
  - Completing foster/adoption home inspection reports
  - Completing childcare licensing reports
  - Communicable diseases: mosquito-borne illnesses, E. Coli, COVID-19
- Goal of regular communication with community members
  - COVID-19 updates (starting March 2020)
  - As needed advisement of Select Board, Voting, Holidays, School Board, etc.
- Complicated (but fun!) role
  - Translating information from CDC, DHHS into digestible, non-threatening, hopefully helpful chunks that help motivate people, protect public health of community and foster respect
- Goal: "Be first, be right, be credible" (Crisis + Emergency Risk Communication mantra)

- https://www.covid19.nh.gov
  - As of 8/23 pm:
    - New cases per 100K over 14 days (Seacoast Public Health region – 23 communities): 211.2
    - Test positivity rate last 7 days (Seacoast Public Health region): 6.4%
    - Vaccination rate (Newfields, SPHR): 60.1%, 57.4%
      - Those ages 12 and up are now eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19 which significantly decreases risk of severe illness, hospitalization and death
    - Cumulative COVID-19 cases: 96 / 1720 (5.6%), 5580 per 100K (lowest rate in immediate area, 5th lowest rate in all of Seacoast, behind Lee, Kensington, Newington, and New Castle)

- Vaccinations: Planning for mobile vaccine clinic Saturday 9/25 @ 5-7pm
  - NH DHHS sponsored effort, partnering with FireMed, LLC
  - Completely free, no appointment needed, ID required, parental consent required for 12-17 year olds

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For list of towns in SPHR: https://www.seacoastphn.org/communities-served.html